

WARDEN MESSAGE
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*THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO
AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE
TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.*

Mayon Volcano

The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. Citizens in the Philippines that the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) raised its alert status for the Mayon Volcano to Alert Level 4. This means a hazardous eruption is possible within days. The U.S. Embassy is restricting its employees from traveling to Mount Mayon National Park; the cities of Ligao, Tabaco City, Legaspi City, Guinubatan; and any areas in Albay Province that lie within an eight kilometer circumference of the volcano itself. The Embassy urges all Americans to follow restrictions imposed by Philippine Government authorities in these areas.

Updated information on volcanoes in the Philippines is available on the Web sites listed below. The Embassy encourages all U.S. citizens residing in or visiting areas near volcanoes to consult these websites frequently and to adhere to all safety and/or evacuation instructions from Philippine authorities.

<http://www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph/>

<http://volcanoes.usgs.gov>

U.S. citizens with questions or concerns may telephone the Embassy at (63)(2) 301-2000. In case of an emergency outside business hours, American citizens may reach the Embassy duty officer through the Embassy operator at (63)(2) 301-2000. The U.S. Embassy is located at: 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines. The Consular American Citizen Services (ACS) section's fax number is (63)(2) 301-2017 and the ACS web page is at <http://manila.usembassy.gov>.

U.S. citizens living in or visiting the Philippines are encouraged to register with the Consular Section of the US Embassy in Manila. The easiest way to do this is via the Internet, using a link on <http://www.travel.state.gov> or directly at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. Get more information on registration at <http://manila.usembassy.gov>.